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Roseway and St. Croix: A New Partnership

World Ocean School announces plan to make St. Croix the new winter port for the National Historic Landmark schooner Roseway—bringing the ship back to St. Croix next season for education programs and public sails.

In early December, World Ocean School's education platform, *Roseway*, arrived in Christiansted. Shortly thereafter the school was funded by Hovensa to launch the Marine After-School Training (MAST) program for high school students as a pilot project. During the school days, World Ocean School hosted a number of K-12 private and public schools for sail training programs. At the same time, *Roseway* was open for day-sails as a way of making the U.S. National Historic Landmark schooner accessible to the public.

After a successful season of serving the St. Croix community, World Ocean School directors, Abby Kidder and Dwight Deckelmann say they'll be returning next November. "Our commitment to St. Croix is strong—we feel this is a very special place and want to continue developing our relationship with the schools here," says Kidder.

Even after *Roseway* departs for Boston on May 6, there are plans to offer a Summer Ambassador program for St. Croix students in New England waters. World Ocean School will offer a summer

session in July aboard *Roseway* specifically for USVI high-school students and a matching gift has already been offered for one scholarship at \$4,800 if two others are provided. St. Thomas school district is sponsoring four students to attend the summer session and there are hopes that St. Croix will step forward to do the same. There are still student openings available for this program and applications can be received by contacting the school.

A group of island residents are working to garner support not only to launch this summer program but also to secure funding to pay for the education programs on St. Croix next year.

“QUOTE” says Sam Dike, Co-chair of the NAME committee.

The World Ocean School is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to provide challenging educational programs for youth and adults around the world by fostering an appreciation for, and obligation to, community and relationships; developing a deep commitment to ethical values; and cultivating an expanded world view. To learn more about the World Ocean School and *Roseway*'s schedule visit www.worldoceanschool.org or call them at 617-443-4841.